Science City Project in Gujarat

1785. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to release Rs. 41 crores for the Science City Project;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(c) if not, by when a final decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government had requested to release Rs. 41.00 crores for the Science City, Gujarat. The Ministry of Culture agreed to sanction Rs. 9.00 crores to Gujarat Council of Science City, as per norms, out of which Rs. 4.00 crores was released to the Council during 2002-03 and 2003-04. Utilisation Certificate for the said amount is still awaited inspite of reminders.

Bhagwan Mahavira Centenary Celebrations

1786. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of Rs. 100 crores allocated for various projects under Bhagwan Mahavira's 2600th Centenary Celebrations has been spent;

(b) if not, the status of the projects, State-wise and project-wise; and

(c) the amount lying at the disposal of the implementing authorities, for those projects which have already been completed, State-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.